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## COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	13
NO:	0

### MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Public Policy, Ethics and Veterans Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1056, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1       Page 1, line 5, delete "preferably by burning." and insert "**in the**
- 2       **manner prescribed for the destruction of an American flag.**".
- 3       Page 1, after line 5, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 4       "SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-4-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 5       CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 6       [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 0.5. (a) The United States flag**
- 7       **may be displayed in each classroom of each school in a school**
- 8       **corporation.**
- 9       **(b) The governing body of each school corporation may provide**
- 10       **a daily opportunity in each classroom of the school corporation for**
- 11       **students to voluntarily recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A student is**
- 12       **exempt from participation in the recitation of the Pledge of**
- 13       **Allegiance and may not be required to participate in the recitation**
- 14       **of the Pledge of Allegiance if:**
- 15               **(1) the student chooses not to participate; or**
- 16               **(2) the student's parent chooses not to have the student**

1           **participate.**

2           SECTION 3. IC 20-10.1-4-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
3 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) In order to guarantee the**  
5 **right of every pupil to the free exercise of religion within the**  
6 **schools and to subject the freedom of each individual pupil to the**  
7 **least possible pressure from the state either to engage in or to**  
8 **refrain from religious observation on school grounds, the**  
9 **governing body of each school corporation may establish the daily**  
10 **observance of a thirty (30) second period of silence in each**  
11 **classroom of the school corporation.**

12           **(b) During the thirty (30) second period of silence that**  
13 **subsection (a) provides, the teacher responsible for a classroom**  
14 **shall ensure that all students remain seated and silent and make no**  
15 **distracting display to the end that each student may, in the exercise**  
16 **of the student's individual choice, engage in any silent activity that**  
17 **does not interfere with, distract, or impede other students in their**  
18 **exercise of individual choice.**

19           SECTION 4. IC 20-10.1-7-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: ~~Sec. 8. Voluntary Religious~~  
21 ~~Observance = Authorized.~~ A voluntary religious observance is  
22 permitted in each school corporation if the school corporation follows  
23 sections 9 **and 10** ~~and 11~~ of this chapter and any additional procedures  
24 which it adopts to assure that the observance is voluntary.

25           SECTION 5. IC 20-10.1-7-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
26 1, 2003]."

(Reference is to HB 1056 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

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Representative Lytle